(c) The compensation is paid to the next of kin (NOK) of the deceased Defence personnel as per the extant guidelines.

Occupation of 'Abbey House', Hyderabad by Defence authorities

3085. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Abbey House' owned by the Andhra Pradesh Government in Hyderabad has been under occupation of the Defence authorities since 1954;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Defence to hand over defence land to the State Government in exchange of 'Abbey House';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the status of the proposal and the action taken thereto by the Ministry of Defence?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Abbey House was hired for Defence purposes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The exchange proposal involves 13 acres 24 Guntas of State Government land including the Abbey House and 12.83 acres of defence land in Secunderabad Cantonment. The comments of the concerned authorities have been invited. No decision on the proposal has been taken by the Ministry of Defence.

Accidents in Ordnance Factories

3086. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major and minor accidents in ordnance factories during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the loss of property in the above accidents; and

(c) what measures Government is taking or propose to take to modernize ordnance factories and ammunition depots?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The details of accidents in Ordnance Factories along with loss of property year-wise is given below:-

Year	No. of Major/minor Accidents	No. of fatal accidents	Total loss of Government property due to fatal/major accidents (Rs. In Lac)
2000	972	4	18.77
2001	903	6	46.66
2002	780	5	15.53
2003	734	7	38.14
2004	600	4	523.42

Since the categorization of major and minor accidents varies from State to State, a combined figure of major and minor accidents has been given.

(c) Government has taken following measures for the modernization of Ordnance Factories and ammunition depots:-

(i) An investment of Rs. 1804 crore has been planned for modernization of ordnance factories during Xth Plan for improving safety, quality and productivity.

(ii) A comprehensive case for modernization of security and safety infrastructure in Ammunition Depots by providing devices such as Powered fencing, Early Warning systems, Electronic Alarm systems, close circuit TV, Sensors, Electronic Surveillance Devices and Equipment for frisking personnel and vehicles at entry points, etc., at an estimated cost of Rs. 200 crore, has been considered by the Ministry of Defence. It has been decided to modernize 'Security and Fire Prevention System' initially as a pilot project in three ammunition installations, *viz.*, Central

Ammunition Depot Pulgaon, 19 Field Ammunition Depot and 22 Ammunition Company in the first phase, at an estimated cost of Rs. 49.899 crore.

Encroachment of Defence land in New Delhi

3087. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of encroachment and unauthorized construction like jugghi, PCO booths, vegetable market and other stall on defence land in Teen Murti, Kushak Road and Kashmir House, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to take this land back in its possession alongwith the action taken against those responsible for this; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Do not arise, since Ministry of Defence does not own any land at Teen Murti, Kushak Road and Kashmir House, New Delhi.

Defective Dhruv Helicopter

†3088. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the helicopter named 'Dhruv' provided to the State Government of Jharkhand was already defective which met with an accident while being taken away afterwards;

(b) whether technical testing of the helicopter had not been carried out before supplying it;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken to prevent recurrence thereof in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.